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TO: GOVERNOR

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 SUBJECT:
 HB 502

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HB 502 amends Section 27-19-56 to provide that a person charged with a violation of the law setting aside special parking areas for persons who are disabled won't be convicted for failing to display a handicapped window placard if he presents proof to the court, via sworn testimony or affidavit, that he or a passenger in the vehicle possessed a valid placard at the time of the charged violation. HB 502 also allows a nursing home, retirement home or other institution that transports disabled persons to apply for and receive one special handicapped license tag.

I didn't hear any opposition to this bill during House Transportation Committee. Senate Judiciary amended the House bill by adding the one tag for nursing homes and other facilities.

HB 502 is effective July 1, 2001.